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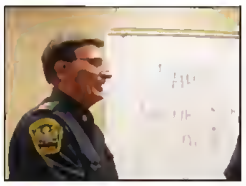

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South Simcoe Deputy Police Chief Al Cheesman retires.

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Canadian flag salutes our Olympic athletes.

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Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Off on a kicksledding adventure at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area for Family Day, on Monday, February 17. The weekend was filled with activities.

It was a perfect winter day at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

Perfect for a guided hike on wooded trails, or a kicksledding expedition along the road and down the hill toward the picnic pavilion.

Indoors, there were crafts, hot chocolate, and an opportunity to learn more about the past and future of the Conservation area, located north of Bradford and operated by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

It's become a Family Day tradition. The Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and Friends of Scanlon organize the afternoon of activities, to encourage the public to use and explore the park.

And learning how to operate a kicksled, imported from Finland and described as "a kitchen chair on skis",

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Deputy Chief opts for retirement

In some ways, it's the end of an era.

South Simcoe Deputy Police Chief Al Cheesman is retiring; his last day on the job was Valentine's Day, February 14.

It brings to an end a 41-year career in policing that began with the York Regional Police, and has spanned the evolution of policing in South Simcoe.

Cheesman moved to Bradford with his family in 1975, and in 1980 joined the small Bradford Police Service. Over the years, he has seen the force change, from a small-town local force to the larger Bradford West Gwillimbury Police Service after Bradford and West Gwillimbury Twp. were amalgamated in 1991 - and then the further amalgamation of BWG and Innisfil Police, in 1996, to form South Simcoe Police.

"I've planned on leaving for a while," he says. "It's time - we want to do a little travelling, while we're still "young" enough to enjoy it."

Staff at South Division in Bradford organized an informal Retirement Party on February 13. Police Chief Rick Beazley and other South Simcoe officers attended, as did members of the Police Services Board, including chair Sharon Villani; and several officers who had their start in Bradford, but have moved on to other Police forces.

Former Mayor Frank Jonkman Sr. also dropped in, to congratulate the Deputy Chief and wish him well in retirement.

"I worked with Al for almost two years now, and I can't think of anyone better for the job," said Chief Beazley, wishing his Deputy "the best" retirement. "I'm sad to see him go."

There was food and a cake at the event, but no speeches and no "roast." That will wait until the Retirement Celebration Golf Tournament, planned for June 13 at The Club at Bond Head - an afternoon of 9 holes of golf, dinner, and presentations, thanking the Deputy Chief for his years of service.

Cheesman says that he plans to do "nothing" for the next 6 months, except a little travel - including a trip to Hawaii in May. Then he'll be looking around for a new job - nothing to do with policing, just something "where I don't have to tell anyone what to do!"

He admits he will probably miss the career that has been such a large part of his life. "I've never had a bad day," he says. "I've had rough days, but I get to go home to my family..."

South Simcoe Police will be hiring a replacement for the Deputy Chief, to start in 2015.

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, right, thanks Deputy Chief Al Cheesman, and wishes him well.

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Are you a suspended driver?

On Feb. 13, around 6:30 p.m., police received a 911 call, reporting a suspected Impaired Driver on Holland St. W. in Bradford. Officers located the vehicle and found the female driver, a 48 year old Bradford woman, to be sober - but her licence had been suspended for failing to pay previous traffic tickets. She was charged with Drive While Under Suspension, and released with a court date in March.

Police remind drivers that if they are issued a traffic ticket in Ontario, they must respond - or face suspension. On the back of every ticket there is detailed information on the options, from pleading "not guilty" to paying the fine. If there is no response, MTO will usually send notice in the mail, advising of the suspension; if caught driving under suspension, you face fines of $1,000 to $5,000 on conviction, for a 1st offence, and $2,000 to $5,000 for subsequent offences (within a 5 year period). The Courts can also order up to 6 months in jail, and a further licence suspension for a minimum of 6 months.

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Domestic assault

On Feb. 12, around 4:20 p.m., South Simcoe Police responded to a report of an assault at a Bradford residence. A woman was visiting a friend's house, when her boyfriend came over to argue. During the argument, he grabbed her by the throat. The man fled, and was arrested at his home a short time later. The 33 year old Bradford male faces charges of Domestic Assault, and Breach of Recognizance. He was held overnight for a Bail Hearing. The woman was not injured during the assault.

On Feb. 13, an argument between a man and his girlfriend at a Bradford home became heated. The man agreed to leave to calm down, but returned minutes later and forced his way into the home. Once inside, he allegedly assaulted his girlfriend. Police were called, and the man fled. He was located a short distance away and arrested. The 34 year old Bradford man is facing a charge of Assault.

If you, or anyone you know, is in an abusive domestic relationship, Officers are available 24 hours a day to assist, and Victim Services are available, to help with housing, counselling and advice.

No Insurance?

A 43 year old Innisfil woman is facing a hefty fine after her husband was pulled over for driving her uninsured vehicle in Alcona, on Feb. 5. An officer monitoring traffic on Innisfil Beach Rd around noon observed the Chevrolet Tahoe and discovered via computer check that the vehicle was uninsured. The officer pulled the vehicle over and investigated the driver - and the registered owner, who was seated in the passenger seat at the time. She was issued a summons on charges of Owner-Permit Operation of Vehicle without Insurance, under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act. If convicted she faces a MINIMUM fine of $5,000. In Ontario, all vehicles must be insured for third-party liability, for at least $200,000 - covering possible injury or property damage to others. Collision insurance to cover damage to your own vehicle is a good idea, but not required by law. Always carry the insurance slip for the vehicle you are driving.

Assault Police

On Feb. 16, around noon, Police were called to a home in Innisfil. The landlord reported a tenant had threatened her, and kicked at her and her dog. The tenant was located - intoxicated, despite being on a probation order to abstain from alcohol. She was arrested and taken to South Division, where she deliberately banged her head on the wall - and then assaulted the police officer who was attending to her injury. A 25 year old Innisfil woman was held in custody, facing charges of Assault, Threatening, Assault Police, and two counts of Breach of Probation.

Town tallies waste collection costs

When the County of Simcoe unveiled its new waste management program last year, it was proud to announce that there would be 9 yard waste collections scheduled, for all of its 16 member municipalities - 4 in the spring, in April and May, and 5 in the fall, from October into December.

Unfortunately, there were no collections scheduled after the May 24 long-weekend - the traditional start of gardening season in south-central Ontario - and none at all during the summer months. Residents were told to compost, take their yard waste to the dump, or hang on to it until October.

Many simply put their yard waste bags out at the curb.

It was the Town's Public Works Department that went around and picked up the bags, before they decomposed and left an unsightly mess - and on February 18, Town Council received a report estimating the cost of that collection.

The report suggested that Town staff spent 260 hours during the summer months collecting yard waste, at a cost of $6,000. Add in machine costs, and the total came to $11,500 in 2013.

The report also looked at the cost of picking up Christmas trees, in the weeks following Christmas 2012: a whopping $23,500, in manpower and machine time.

In all, the report concluded, the Town spent $35,000 in 2013 on "issues that are not directly related to the Town's responsibility," attempting to bridge the gap between the service offered by the County "and the needs of Town residents."

"We're challenged with a few waste management issues in Town," acknowledged manager of Development and Acting Town Manager Geoff McKnight. But, he assured Council, "County staff are completely committed to working with us."

There was praise for the County's large item collection system, whereby residents can call to arrange a pick-up of up to 5 bulky items for only $35, "and it doesn't end up in the ditch," said Councillor Gary Lamb - but there was also a suggestion that the County could make some improvements.

"We need to get the County onside to do a better job," said Councillor James Leduc.

"The timing of yard waste collection... We can't predict when the first snowfall is going to be, we can't predict when the last snowfall is going to be," noted Mayor White. "All in all, waste management at the County is a Good News story... I give the County very high marks, but certainly not perfect."

Staff were instructed to keep working with the County, to deal with the issues.

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer pointed out that Christmas tree collection is now a County responsibility; the Town should not have the $23,500 expenditure in 2014.

County receives awards

Simcoe County received recognition from the Municipal Waste Association and The Recycling Council of Ontario in 2013 for its waste collection and diversion programs, and for its educational efforts promoting its new initiatives.

The County received a Gold Awards for the multi-media *"It's Coming"* campaign, introducing changes to the waste collection program and schedules, and for its ongoing diversion of waste from landfill.

And for the 4th straight year, Simcoe County was ranked in the top 10 of 230 municipalities in waste diversion, by *Datacall*. The County was ranked 7th in the province, with a diversion rate of 57.65%.

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Steady as she goes...

The Federal Budget, released February 11, has been described as a "safe budget" - no big ticket expenditures, no massive cuts, but a commitment to returning to a balanced budget in 2015.

"It's a steady-as-she-goes budget, keeping on the path," said MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan - a budget that continues to focus on the economy, job creation, and debt reduction "without any significant tax increases. And we actually have done it without significant cuts."

Instead, the federal government has followed a path of what Van Loan called "incrementalism" - holding the line on expenditures, merging services, reducing costs by eliminating redundancies, "carefully and methodically."

The Budget foresees a savings, over the next 6 years, of $7.4 Billion, by reducing its share of the pension and benefit package payments for public servants. At the moment, federal employees pay 25% of the cost; they will be asked to agree to a 50-50 split with their employer - something that admittedly will require negotiations with the unions.

For the rest, the Conservatives plan to hold the line on spending. Although no large-scale layoffs are planned, Departments will be expected to "do more with less."

There are some areas of new spending outlined in the budget. There is an additional $1.5 Billion ear-marked for grants to universities, to go to areas that "create long-term economic advantages for Canada."

MP Van Loan noted that Canada currently has the lowest contribution from private companies for Research and Development, "and the highest government contribution." Although the announcement does nothing to change that imbalance, he suggested that the new funding is a key part of Canada's commitment to ensuring that the oil sands development, for example, will have a "net environmental benefit, economic benefit and global benefit."

As for encouraging the industry to ante up a greater share of R & D costs, Van Loan suggested, "a lot of that is happening" anyway, as researchers "look for partnerships to extend their funding."

Van Loan also identified two areas of especial interest to the Youth of his riding: the introduction of Apprenticeship Loans, to provide support for young people who want to pursue an apprenticeship, rather than college or university; and the elimination of the value of a student's vehicle, when calculating eligibility for student loans.

With no college or university within the Riding, students wishing to attend post-secondary education but still live at home need a car - but in the past have been forced to sell their vehicles, in order to qualify for a loan.

As for the claims of student organizations that the decision does nothing to reduce debt-load on students, the MP pointed out that it is the province that sets tuition fees.

The conflict between federal and provincial jurisdictions is almost a sub-text in the federal budget.

The Provincial Liberal Government of Kathleen Wynne responded to the budget with an attack on the federal government, claiming that the province is losing $641 million in transfer payments, for Health Care, environmental protection and community safety - plus $205.4 million in funding to reduce wait times for key surgeries.

However, MP Van Loan noted that the $205.4 million was supposed to be a one-time infusion of cash, to allow provinces to eliminate the backlog for some surgeries - and never intended to be part of on-going funding.

As for the criticism, "It seems to be something they're doing a lot of lately," Van Loan said. "It's kind of sad that Ontario's decided to be a have-not province." He noted that since 2010, "provincial transfers have gone up 120%."

Canada's 150th... Planning the Party

Canada turns 150 on July 1, 2017 - and Canadians are being asked how they would like to celebrate, in an online questionnaire at ***Canada.ca/150***

Photo by Radey Barrack, submitted

Premier Kathleen Wynne, at right, took a whirlwind tour through the riding, with a stop at the new Phoebe Gilman Public School, in East Gwillimbury (just off Green Lane) where she chatted with students. She was jointed by Loralea Carruthers (left), 3-term York Region District School Board trustee for East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch Stouffville, and Liberal candidate in York-Simcoe.

letters to the editor

No point to HCD meeting in Bond Head

To the editor: Your article, Heritage Matters in BWG (Jan. 30) begs a response on various fronts.

The proposed public meeting on a Heritage Conservation District for Bond Head will NOT provide Council with an accurate indication of public interest - far from it. People will be invited to speak at this meeting with little or no knowledge of an HCD. Without the presence of qualified professionals, who can clearly and accurately explain the pros and cons and important details surrounding the creation of an HCD, the public will be unable to make informed decisions that will be of any value to Council.

Such a public meeting could send the wrong message to Council, who may refuse to approve a proper, government-approved HCD study. A similar public meeting was held in the Bond Head Community Hall several years ago; there is no advantage in having another.

We can all be accused of taking shortcuts or reinventing the wheel, especially where money is involved, but what is really accomplished? Part 5 of the Ontario Heritage Act states very clearly that to create a Heritage Conservation District, a government-approved study must be undertaken. As anyone who attended the Cookstown HCD meetings know, such a study lays out in great detail all the steps necessary to fully engage and inform the public. The first public meeting is an information session only.

What we urgently need is a study that will produce meaning results, to help Council in making the right decisions. Surely Bond Head, with its unique legacy of heritage and history, is deserving of no less.

Since this badly misguided plan will predictably be to the detriment of any effort to preserve Bond Head's heritage, I would respectfully urge the BWG Heritage Committee to abandon this idea, and to redirect their energies toward a proper HCD Study. Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, the lone member of Council to recognize the folly of such a meeting.

David Chambers, Bond Head

Food Bank thank-you

To the Editor: I would like to thank the following for their help with the 2013 Christmas Hampers:

Bradford Moving & Storage, for their donation of boxes; Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, for the use of their hall; No Frills and Zehrs, for ordering all of the food needed; Bill Eek, Gord Young and Trevor Myers for picking up and delivering the food; The Venturers and Bond Head United Church Youth Group for packing the boxes; Eleanor Watt and Ann Page for their helpful guidance.

Also, thanks to all of the volunteers, who helped on Pick-Up Night: Anne Silvey, Ed and Audrey, Arlene, Linda, Gloria, Kim, Elizabeth, Alvin and Carol, Ed and Leila, Gerry and Gerda, Sheila, Brian, John, Ann P., and Jacob from the Bradford Bulls Hockey team - and anyone else who assisted that evening!

A really big Thank You also to all the people who so generously donated to the Helping Hand Food Bank throughout the year.

Pearl Astoforoff, Helping Hand Food Bank

Tec-We-Gwill WI meets

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute meets on Monday, February 24, at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, at noon. Bring your own sandwich - the lunch committee will provide tea or coffee, and dessert - and hear guest speaker Catherine O'Connor, from the Canadian Hearing Society. O'Connor will focus on hearing and hearing loss, the signs and signals. She will be accompanied by her Hearing dog, a poodle named Ekko. Visitors welcomed.

For more information, contact Sylvia at 705-435-7736 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

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Mardi Gras Bingo

Lakeside Retirement, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, Innisfil, hosts an evening of Mardi Gras Bingo, Friday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, prizes! Masks and costumes are optional! Please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

Raising the Red Ensign for Heritage Week

From left, Innisfil Heritage Committee members David Steele, Co. Ken Simpson, Ileen Sabean, and at back, Co. Doug Lougheed and Bill Kell join Cecilia Burns in raising the Red Ensign

February 17-23 is Ontario Heritage Week, and to mark the occasion, the Innisfil Heritage Committee joined Cecilia Burns, owner of The Original Flag Store in Thornton, in raising a historic flag at the Innisfil Town Hall.

The flag was the 1924 version of the Canadian Red Ensign. The flag incorporates the Union Jack of Great Britain, 3 lions of London, the Lion rampant of Scotland, Harp of Ireland and Fleur-de-lis - but unlike the standard version of the Red Ensign, the 3 maple leaves at the bottom of the crest are not red, but green.

Burns, a "vexillologist" - or flag expert - explained that while green was perhaps more realistic, it was not popular, and the flag was changed back the following year.

The leaves remained red until 1965, when the Red Ensign was replaced by today's red and white Maple Leaf flag.

As the 1924 Red Ensign was raised, on February 14, Burns noted, "It's the first time I've seen that flag flown." The flag will be on display in the lobby of the Innisfil Town Hall during Heritage Week.

Burns talked about the importance of flags, and how much more seriously people took the national symbol, in the past. The Red Ensign was designed to be flown on land; there was a "Blue Ensign," with a blue background, that was to be flown only on the water. The penalty for flying the Blue Ensign on land was a $2,000 fine, or 21 days in jail.

Ontario Heritage Week in BWG

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I - and that is the focus of Ontario Heritage Week, February 17-23, which kicked off with a special ceremony at CF Base Borden, last week. Communities across the province are asked to consider both the sacrifices made, and the impact of WWI on Canada.

The local BWG Heritage Committee has successfully recommended that the Town designate the Old Town Hall, at 61 Holland St. East in Bradford, as a Heritage Site - and now is hoping that residents will share their memories and old photos of the historic building. Information can be sent to Jennifer Kinsella, at ***jkinsella@townofbwg.com***

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- Tues. Mar 4 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

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- Mon. Feb 24 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

Municipal Heritage Committee
- Mon. Feb 24 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

Committee of Adjustments
- Wed. Feb 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W

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- Wed. Feb 26 @ 7:00 p.m. - Engineering Services, Boardroom 305 Barrie St.

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- **On-Line** @ http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca, Click on Town Services/Enforcement/Animal Services. It will then direct you to click "here" for purchase of dog licenses. Tags will be mailed to you directly.
- **The Administration Office,** 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, on Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- **Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library,** Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

2014 Dog Licenses rates are as follows: *Dog (In Tact) $35.00; Dog (Spayed or Neutered) $30.00; Dangerous or Restricted Breeds $55.00.* Whether applying for a license on-line or in person, **you will be required to bring in, or provide the following information:**

1. Owner's Name, Address & Telephone Number;
2. Dog name, Breed, Colour and Sex;
3. Rabies Number and Date of Inoculation;
4. Date of Spay or Neuter if applicable; and finally
5. Veterinarian's Name, Address and Telephone Number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enforcement Office directly at 905-775-5366 x 1102.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

RFQ #: Q-14-27C

Supply and Install Municipal Service Laterals and Associated Works at 89 John Street West

Closing: 2:00:00 pm Thursday, February 27, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/purch/compbidopp

RFT #: T-14-20C

Request for Tender for Construction of Industrial Road Driveway Entrance
(For 389-401 Dissette Street, Bradford)

Closing: 2:00:00 pm, Thursday March 6, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/purch/compbidopp

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is currently accepting applications from residents of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury who are interested in volunteering in their community by serving on the Council Compensation Committee. The first meeting will commence at a mutually agreeable date during regular office hours and at a meeting location to be determine and will continue until the mandate of the Committee is fulfilled.

The purpose of the committee is to review and recommend appropriate levels of remuneration for members of Council for the 2014 to 2018 term.

The committee will be comprised of three (3) citizen members along with staff advisors.

Residents should submit their letter of interest to the undersigned outlining their involvement in community service projects and/or other volunteer activities. Applicants must be an eligible elector to vote at a municipal election of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Letters of interest must be received by the undersigned in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL no later than Friday, February 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Rebecca Murphy,
Director of Legal Services/ Clerk
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100
Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7
Telephone (905) 775-5366
Fax (905) 775-0153
Email: rmurphy@townofbwg.com

NOTICES

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Ice time available to rent
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Call (905) 775-2162 Ext. 5202

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from **November 1 to May 1.**

Also, the Stopping-and-Parking of vehicles on sidewalks is prohibited.

Don't let a parking ticket ruin your day!

Important Notice
2014 Property Tax Bills

The 2014 Interim property tax bills are being mailed out during the last week of January 2014. Tax bills were issued for each of the following tax classes; residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farm and managed forests. The due dates are the same for all tax classes; first instalment due **February 26, 2014** and second instalment due **April 28, 2014**. Please note these bills represent no more than 50% of the previous year's annualized taxes levied.

Please note that the tax bills were printed prior to the February 1, 2014 penalty and interest being charged and only reflect payments received up to January 28, 2014. Any arrears/past due amounts included on the first instalment stub of this tax billing will be subject to additional interest if not paid by January 31, 2014.

Owners of newly constructed homes may receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. Once the house is assessed, you will receive a supplementary/omitted tax bill for the taxes on the value of your home. This process may take up to 3 years and the taxes due will be retroactive to your date of occupancy. For an estimate of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the current tax rate (2013 tax rate was 0.01163646) or contact the Finance Department at 905-775-5303.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the property owner from the responsibility for payment, nor relieve him/her from liability of penalty for late payment.

Your new water and wastewater bill

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury would like to thank you for your patience as we take over meter reading, billing and customer service duties from PowerStream Inc.

Included in your new service will be improvements like greater billing accuracy, additional payment methods and more time to pay without interest. Implementing these changes has required extra time to get new software and systems in place for all 8,881 account holders, and we are pleased to now have these in place.

PENALTY-FREE PAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

To thank you for your patience, we are extending the penalty-free payment period for the first water and wastewater bill. We appreciate your efforts to pay your bill by the due date indicated; however, if that is not possible, penalties on overdue payments will not come into effect until after the payment due date of your second bill.

LENGTH OF FIRST BILLING PERIOD

The total owing on your first bill may appear higher than your usual two-month bill because it is for a three-month period. We are now resuming a two-month billing cycle and your next bill will reflect usage from January 1 to February 28, 2014.

Please note: The current bill reflects usage from October 1 to December 31, 2013 only. Please disregard any readings outside of that period that may appear on this bill – this is a formatting error that will be corrected in the next billing cycle.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

For more information on methods of payment please refer to reverse side of your bill.

eBill and ePay: To receive your utility bill by e-mail and/or to pay online, please go to **www.townofbwg.com** to create your eCommerce account. Click on the box below "I'd Like to…" and choose "Pay my water and wastewater bill", then select "Register for eCommerce" and follow the instructions. You will need account information from your bill in order to do this. Once this is complete you can choose if you would prefer to receive a paperless bill by e-mail, and you can also make payments online if you wish.

Many financial institutions allow you to pay your water and wastewater bill through their own online and telephone banking systems. If you are having difficulty registering your utility bill, please contact your financial institution directly for further information.

Please do not combine payment of your property taxea with payment of your utility bill, as they are proceased differently by the banking system.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

➪ For inquiries regarding water/wastewater billing, please contact the billing department at **905-775-5303 ext.3108** or e-mail **utilitybilling@townofbwg.com**

➪ Did you know that you can validate the meter reading on your bill by checking the head of the water meter in your home? For other questions regarding water meters and readings, please contact the water department at **905-778-2055 ext.2100**

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Nature & Horticulture

Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Dr. (south of Major Mackenzie) hosts an **Owl Prowl:** an evening guided hike through Owl habitat, February 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. RSVP at 416-667-6295; for more information, see ***www.kortright.org***

The **Gilford & District Horticultural Society** holds its first meeting of 2014 on Monday, March 10, at the Churchill Community Centre on Yonge St., at 7:30 p.m. Time to renew your membership! Guest Speaker will be Lorraine Mennen, owner of Pathways to Perennials in Kettleby, speaking on "Gardening with Colour."

York-Simcoe Naturalists meet at River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville Sideroad, north of Holland Landing). Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m., Guest speaker is Josh Wise from Ontario Nature, on Greenway and Natural Heritage System planning. Refreshments - please lug a mug. For information see ***www.facebook.com/YorkSimcoeNaturalists***

Canada Blooms! is Canada's largest indoor gardening show, March 14 to 23 at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto. The theme this year is *"Wild!"* Tickets are $17 adults, $14 Seniors over 65, $13 for students (ages 13-17). For more information, see ***canadablooms.com***

The 10th Annual **Schomberg Agricultural Society Farm Tour** takes place Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - a self-directed tour of a range of local farms, this year with a focus on the Local Food movement. Tickets are $10 per vehicle, and will be available starting March 1 at Schomberg Rona, Schomberg True Garden Supplies, Schomberg PharmaChoice, and other locations - or at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St., on the day of the Tour. For info see ***www.schombergfair.com***

Introducing Esther the Wonder Pig

When Steve Jenkins and his partner adopted "Esther" the pig, they thought she was a "mini-pig," and would grow no bigger than a large dog.

They brought her into their home, introduced her to their dogs and cats, trained to her use a litter box, and to use the stairs.

As it turns out, Esther was not a mini-pig. Not quite at her full weight, Esther now weighs 400 lbs. - but it hasn't changed how Jenkins feels about his unusual pet. In fact, on December 4, he started posting videos on Facebook and YouTube of his pig in action, under the heading, "Esther the Wonder Pig".

The postings were originally just for family and friends, but "Esther the Wonder Pig" now has a following of about 92,000 on Facebook, over 250,000 views on YouTube, and calls from organizations like PETA.

"This was an animal that was destined for a dinner plate," Jenkins told a group at Wishing Well Sanctuary in Bradford on February 15, as part of a special Family Day event. But the videos show an animal that is loving, playful, and intelligent.

People keep asking Jenkins how he trained Esther. "I don't know. I don't know what the secret is," he admitted. "We just took her in, we treated her like the dogs, we loved her.... We got to know a pig, and it changed everything."

He wants people to realize just how intelligent pigs are, and how the treatment of animals raised for food is "so beyond unacceptable." Ultimately, he hopes, it will encourage people to think twice about eating meat. "It's a personal choice, but we're hoping that seeing this... will bring changes. It's the softest, most delicate way that we can push this idea across."

Jenkins is now looking for a country property in the Georgetown area, to provide more space for Esther and eventually, establish an animal sanctuary.

He invites everyone to check out ***www.estherthewonderpig.com*** "You'll fall in love with her, just as we did."

But he has two pieces of advice, for anyone thinking about adopting a pig as a pet: Check out the By-laws in your area first; and if you can't adopt, "sponsor an animal at a shelter!"

In addition to the introduction to Esther the Wonder Pig, the Family Day event also provided a tour of Wishing Well Sanctuary, located on the 10th Line of BWG, and an opportunity to meet the animals that have found a safe haven, including horses, chickens, goats, sheep - and pigs. See ***www.wishingwellsanctuary.org***

Photo: Rescued pig at Wishing Well.

Carrier of the Month

The Bradford Times wants to thank all of its loyal carriers for their excellent work, in the face of harsh weather and difficult conditions. As a Thank You, we will be instituting a Carrier of the Month program.

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Help shape Scanlon Creek

Have you been to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area recently? If you have, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority wants to hear from you.

The LSRCA, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, and Friends of Scanlon Creek have worked hard over the past 5 years on upgrades and enhancements at Scanlon Creek, located just north of Bradford - including a Children's Discovery Play Garden, Scanlon Creek Bark Park, upgrades to trails and washrooms, restoration of the "pond" to natural habitat. But there's more to be done, and the LSRCA wants to know if Scanlon Creek is meeting the needs of its users. There is now a survey posted online at ***LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon*** that invites visitors to provide their input, until March 31. As a bonus, everyone who completes the online survey will be entered into a draw to win a $100 gift certificate from SpinsanityCyle shop.

There are also plans to hold a Workshop at the Nature Centre on March 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. RSVP to Kate Lillie, LSRCA Land Management Technician at ***k.lillie@lsrca.on.ca*** or 905-895-1281 ext. 527.

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Taking Madi's fight to Queen's Park

Madi Vanstone is taking her fight to Queen's Park.

Madi, 12, has a rare form of Cystic Fibrosis, caused by a gene mutation.

The good news is that she is in the 4% of CF patients who benefit from a new drug, Kalydeco.

The bad news is that the drug costs over $300,000 per year, and is not covered by OHIP.

The family's insurance benefits pay 50% of the bill; the pharmaceutical company has agreed to pick up 30% - but that still leaves the Vanstone family struggling to find 20% of the cost, over $60,000 per year.

Madi's school and community have rallied around the Sir William Osler Public School student, with fundraisers and Galas - and Madi has begun taking Kalydeco, with remarkable results.

But pan-provincial negotiations over the price are going slowly, and OHIP is on record as saying that the drug is not "cost effective."

Harsh words if you are the mother of a child with CF.

So the Vanstones have launched a petition, calling on the Minister of Health and Long -term care to take "immediate action to expedite listing the drug" in the province's drug formulary, so that the treatment will be available to Ontario families.

One in every 3,600 children born in Canada has CF. It is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian kids and young adults, affecting primarily the lungs and digestive system. Kalydeco improves the function of the defective gene in 3-4% of cases, leading to improved health and longer life - for those able to afford it.

Copies of the petition are located at GloYoga in Bradford, Cavros Hair Design, and The Bradford Times. On March 3, Madi and her family will be delivering the petitions, and a strong message, to Queen's Park. And they will have help: Madi will be accompanied by students from her school, and MPP Jim Wilson (PC) will be asking questions on her behalf in Question Period.

Pizza party at Regino's

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Regino's Pizza manager Shawn (centre) and staff prepare to cut the "Birthday Cake", celebrating the 1st anniversary of the franchise in Bradford, Feb. 15.

Hot and fresh slices, walk-in specials, toppings that include pepperoni, ham and hot sausage, and a "secret recipe" for the dough - those are some of the ingredients in Regino's Pizza's first successful year.

"Everything here is done in-house. We make our dough from scratch. Our ingredients are local," says Shawn Thurairatnam, manager of the Bradford franchise, located at 305 Barrie St. (No Frills Plaza).

Customers have a choice of regular, whole wheat, thin crust pizza - even gluten-free, something of interest to a growing segment of the population.

But it doesn't stop at pizza. Lunch specials include veal, chicken and meatball sandwiches on Foccacia; salads, panzerotti, and Lasagna. And Regino's does a brisk business with its Buffalo wings - selling on average 1,000 wings per week, "which is unheard of, for a pizza place."

To celebrate its first Anniversary, Regino's Pizza handed out balloons, offered 3-topping specials, and served up Birthday Cake to all who came in. "We're just grateful to Bradford," Shawn said. "They've made us a success."

For more information, see ***www.reginospizza.com*** or call 905-775-0-444.

National Cupcake Day

Attention all "Cupcake Crusaders." Monday, February 24 is the 2nd annual National Cupcake Day for Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Humane Societies, across Canada. Crusaders will be baking cupcakes and selling them, in offices, stores and at Cupcake Day parties across the country, to raise funds for animal welfare.

Register or donate at ***www.nationalcupcakeday.ca***

Rooted in Community: Life Planning

The Bradford West Gwillimbury & District Community Foundation is hosting another "Rooted in Community" evening - its 4th. The theme of the session, Monday, March 31 at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, is "***Anatomy of Life Planning***."

From 6 to 9 p.m., guests can bid on Silent Auction items, including artwork donated by local artists, enjoy live music and a buffet - and hear a panel of speakers on topics of interest to anyone planning for retirement, or struggling with the challenges.

Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning with the Town of BWG, will discuss "*Facilities for Downsizing.*"

Kevin Shackleton, Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, will talk on "*Process for Personal & Estate Planning.*"

Roy Gordon, barrister and solicitor, will speak on "*Legal Pros and Cons of Planning for your Future.*"

Discussion will be followed by a Question & Answer period, and refreshments. Tickets are $25, available at Evans & Evans law, 21 Holland St. W., 905-775-3381, or The Bradford Print Shoppe, 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, 905-775-4011; for more information, see ***www.bwgdcf.ca***

Community Foundations are community-building organizations, that seek to create an Endowment, to generate funds in perpetuity for local not-for-profit organizations and projects that benefit the community.

Rather than give a one-time gift to a favourite charity, donors give to the Community Foundation, which will use the funds, and others pooled in the Foundation's holdings, to generate support for arts and culture, health, education, sports, recreation, environment, and social services.

Wanted: Donations for the Silent Auction, especially artwork. Call Mikki Nanowski, at 905-775-4011.

Focus on Business: Bradfordlicious

February is a special month, in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Fifteen of the Town's top restaurants are participating in the BWG's first **"Bradfordlicious Festival"**, February 1-28 - offering a special menu and special $20 or $10 deals. For a list of participating restaurants and offers, see ***www.bradfordlicious.com*** . The Festival is also a fundraiser, with $1 from meals going to Joey Mazzucco's Fedora Foundation, which raises money to buy iPads for kids with cancer. Joey is a cancer survivor, and a kid who wants to make a difference for others who are on a "cancer journey."

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a **Business Before Hours Networking Breakfast** on Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Lusitano 2.0 Banquet hall, 17 Holland St. West in Bradford. Guest speaker James Burgess of Focus 31, author of *CHAOS: How Business Leaders Can Master the Power of Focus*, will share 7 secrets of being a business Warrior and achieving success. BBT Members $15, non-members $20 for the event, which includes a Buffet Breakfast. RSVP at ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com***

Coming soon: the BBT's Town & Country Living Show, April 26!

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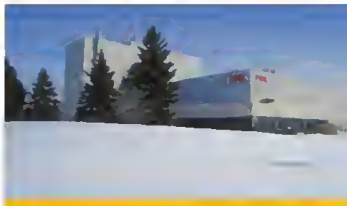

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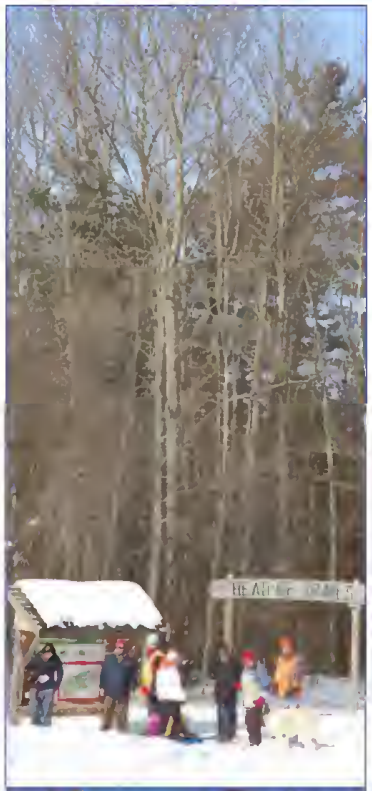

Family Day in Nature

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skis", was one of the highlights. Both hour-long kicksledding adventures were completely filled, as families enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor fun.

Organizers received support from the Bradford Lions Club, Bradford Water Depot, and Costco.

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation, located in Essa Twp. and operated by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority also offered Family Day fun - with outdoor skating, kicksledding, snowshoeing, crafts - and even War of 1812 Re-enactors.

Clockwise from top left: kicksledding; taking a guided hike at Scanlon; War of 1812 re-enactor Dave Cockburn, Royal Nfld. Regiment, at Tiffin Centre. Below, kids try out snowshoes at Tiffin, for Family Day.

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Be a Polar Bear this weekend

The annual Polar Bear dip at Innisfil Beach Park takes place this Saturday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m. The Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp.) has partnered with the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, to give "dippers" two options - signing up for the LSCF's "Freezin' for a Reason", to raise money for conservation, or jumping with I.C.E. Corp., to support Nantyr Shores Secondary School students who are heading to Normandy, France as part of Team D-Day, marking the 70th anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

For information on Freezin' for a Reason, see ***lakesimcoefoundation.ca/event*** To sign up for the I.C.E. Corp. dip, see ***www.icecorp.org*** About 30 "polar bears" are expected to participate this year.

There are other activities going on at Innisfil Beach Park, on the 22nd. Just before the Dip, Skydivers with Skydive Toronto will put on a parachuting exhibition (weather permitting) at the 8th Line.

The **Fishing For Tyler ice fishing derby** will be taking place at the boat launch, raising funds for local teenager Tyler French, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. On the diamonds, a **Sno-Pitch tourney** will raise money for the Ride to Conquer Cancer. And in the Innisfil Lions Hall at 982 Innisfil Beach Rd., the Lions are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** , 8a.m. to noon - only $5 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under. All welcome!

Fishing for Tyler fishing derby

The 10th annual Fishing for Tyler ice fishing derby takes place Saturday, February 22, at the Innisfil Beach Park boat launch - a fundraiser for Tyler French, now a 17 year old teen struggling with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The derby was launched to help Tyler's family pay for the intensive therapies he needs.

Register beginning at 6:30 a.m.; weigh-in by 1 p.m. Prizes for the biggest fish by length. Cost to register is a minimum donation of $10, for those 16 and older. Kids under 16 are free - but donations are welcomed. There will also be a fundraising BBQ.

Note: Anglers between the ages of 18 and 65 must have a valid fishing licence. The Town of Innisfil has agreed to waive parking fees for events at the park, Feb. 22.

Photo: Tyler French, right, and last year's Derby winner.

Upper Canada Mall was not only open on Family Day, Feb. 17, it provided plenty of free activities - from Magic Shows in the afternoon, to Balloon art and Face Painting. Here, Mall Tigers - sisters Siena, left, and Bianca, 3 & a half!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Bradford United Church is hosting an Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Men are invited to come and enjoy a delicious continental breakfast, great conversation, Christian witness and prayer.

Come and share your experience, strength and faith with other men, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., Bradford. Call Rev. Jim Keenan at 905-751-5335 if you plan to attend, or need information.

Square Dancing!

Bradford United Church invites the community to a social evening of Square Dancing, Saturday, March 8 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No previous square dancing experience is necessary, as caller Doug Holmes talks dancers through the various steps.

The evening is a fundraiser for the church, located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Tickets $20 per couple, $10 per individual. Call 905-775-7268 prior to March 3 to RSVP.

Roast Beef

Gilford United Church Roast Beef Supper, with home-made pies for dessert! Weds. February 26. Sittings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Only $15 for adults, $5 for children under 12; for tickets, call 705-456-2006.

community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1468 Sideroad #5, Bradford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth.
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

905-775-2512

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
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St. Paul's Anglican Church
Coulson's Hill
(NW comer of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
289-231-3253

Bradford Alliance Church
758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
10am Sunday Service
Mid Week Home Groups
Monthly Men's Breakfast
905-778-0068
www.bradfordalliance.ca

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9268, located on the S.E. comer of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

St. Michael's Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
16 Hearn St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th Sdrd
(2 km north of Holland St. W)
9 am - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Toddler-Grade 8)
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905-775-5700
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Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
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AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund- raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a new support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

YORK SHOUT SISTER CHOIR: The Choir welcomes new members. No auditions - music is learned by ear - and the repertoire is fresh and fun. All levels of singers welcomed. Practices are held Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N. in Stouffville

SAT., FEB. 22

POLAR BEAR DIP IN LAKE SIMCOE: Dippers have a choice - to participate as part of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Freezin' for a Reason, and raise money for conservation; or to jump with the Innisfil Community Events Corporation, and raise money for Nantyr Shores students who are travelling to Normandy as part of Team D-Day. All jumping begins at 1:30 p.m. at Innisfil Beach Park. Sign up at lakesimcoefoundation.ca or www.icecorp.org

FISHING FOR TYLER ICE FISHING DERBY: 6:30 a.m. at the Innisfil Beach Park Boat Launch. A fundraiser for Innisfil teen Tyler French, who has Autism . $10 registration, fundraising BBQ.

CARNIVAL DINNER & DANCE: 6 p.m. doors open at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Dinner, DJ, and live performance by Portugal's Jose Alberto Reis. Members $35, Children ages 7-12, $22. Non members $40, children $25.

MON., FEB. 24

TEC WE GWILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETS: At the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, at noon. Bring a sandwich; the lunch committee will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Guest Speaker will be Catherine O'Connor of the Canadian Hearing Society - accompanied by her Hearing Dog, a poodle named Ekko. Visitors welcomed. For information, contact Sylvia, 705-435-7736 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

WEDS., FEB. 26

ROAST BEEF SUPPER: At Gilford United Church - two sittings, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Cost is $15 for adults, $5 for children under 12. For tickets call 705-456-2006. Home-made pies!

SAT., MAR. 1

MOZART'S REQUIEM MASS IN D MINOR: Presented by Tapestry Chamber Choir, with the York Chamber Ensemble and Trinity Festival Chorus, at Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora, 79 Victoria St., at 7:30 p.m. Adults $20, Seniors $15. Free for Youth. See www.tapestrychoir.ca

THORNTON LIONS CHILI CHALLENGE: 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall in Thornton. $5 for a bowl and spoon, to sample the entries, enjoy a bun and bottle of water, and vote for your favourite chili. $75 First Prize, $50 Second Prize, $25 Third. Note: Entrants must contact Lion Warren Baguley at info@thorntonlions.com or 705-458-9358 by Feb. 21 to enter, and will be asked to provide 2 crock pots of their best chili. Costumes and table decorations recommended.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Delicious continental breakfast, great conversation, Christian Witness and Prayer. Share your experience and faith with other men. RSVP to Rev. Jim Keenan at 905-751-5335 or call for more information.

CELEBRATION OF ARTS & CRAFTS: At the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7th Annual Arts & Crafts celebration by SCACA, including Crafters' Cupboard, supplies, crafts and demonstrations. Admission is free. Refreshments available. For info, see www.simcoecrafts.ca

SAT., MAR. 8

SQUARE DANCING AT BRADFORD UNITED: Bradford United Church hosts a social evening of Square Dancing, with caller Doug Holmes. No experience needed. $20 per couple, or $10 per person - a fundraiser for the church, located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. For tickets call 905-775-7268 by March 3. Refreshments.

BOND HEAD UNITED ROAST BEEF DINNER: Roast Beef Dinner will take place at Bradford's St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940-10 Sideroad (at the 8th Line BWG), 4:30 to 7 p.m. (continuous serving). Tickets are $15 adults, $7.50 children ages 6 to 12. Call 705-458-2621.

MON., MAR. 10

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Churchill Community Centre in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Lorraine Mennen, owner of Pathways to Perennials in Kettleby - on Gardening with Colour.

WEDS., MAR. 19

CHATS TAX INFORMATION WORKSHOP: CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Senios) presents a free Tax Information Workshop, with Marc Terrance, CPA, MBA, MSW, RSW, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at CHATS, 448 Holland St. W. in Bradford. Learn more about taxation of pensions, available deductions, tax filing tips. Free, but please pre-register at 1-866-677-9048 ex. 6226 or mterrance@chats.on.ca

World Day of Prayer

Bradford's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church Coulson's Hill (on the 11th Line, at Yonge St.) on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m. This year's interdenominational service is written by the women of Egypt, on the theme, "Streams in the Desert." All are welcome to attend.

Sports

Micro-Works Major Curling

February 13 was the final day of the regular season for the Micro-Works Major Curling League. Playoffs begin Wednesday, February 26 at the Stroud Curling Club, at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to come out and watch great curling, in the warm and friendly atmosphere of the Stroud club.

Game of the Week for Feb. 13: Ken Leach (ReThredz) - 5, Willie MacPherson (BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Assoc. Insurance Brokers Ltd.) - 3. Close defensive game that came down to the final end, with ReThredz clogging up the middle and sneaking one into the four foot - forcing BMC Construction to try a difficult raise, which was not successful. ReThredz ends the season with 9 wins, 6 losses, and 4th place in the standings. BMC Construction has 6 wins, 9 losses, and 11th place.

Andrew Thompson (Comco Canada/ Dr. Chris Schell-Optometrist/Ray's Driving School) - 5, Al Corbeil (Calcia Calcium) - 4. Thompson has 14 wins, 1 loss and 1st place in the league. Corbeil has 9 wins, 6 losses, in 5th place.

Heather Graham (Cal's Gals - Cal Accounting) - 6, Cory Heggestad (Moen Sports Technologies/Cyncor) - 2. Heggestad finishes with 8 wins, 7 losses and 9th place in the standings. Graham has 7 wins, 8 losses, and 10th place.

Bob Dumond - 4, Sarah Picton (The Peelers - Comco Canada) - 2. Both teams have 4 wins, 11 losses.

Wylie Allan (Saputo Bakery Inc./ Roy's Enterprise) - 6, Don Campbell (J.C.Salmon Charters/Datalogix) - 0. Allan had 10 wins, 5 losses, and a lock on 3rd place. Campbell has 5 wins, 10 losses, and finished in 12th place in the 16 team league.

Bob Armstrong (Caesarstone Canada) - 3, Jennifer Allan Roy (Roy's Enterprise) - 1. Armstrong has 5 wins, 10 losses, and sits in 13th place. Roy's Enterprise has 3 wins, 12 losses.

Bill Irwin (Shot Rock Shop) - 5, Gregg Truscott (Blue Cross/Moen Sports Technologies) - 0. Irwin is in 2nd place, with 12 wins, 3 losses. Truscott is in 6th place, with 8 wins, 7 losses.

Phil Loevenmark (Dominion of Canada Insurance Co./Bunn-o-matic) - 8, Gayle McKenna (Paul Sadlon) - 5. Both teams have 8 wins, 7 losses, with Dominion of Canada ranked 7th, Paul Sadlon 8th.

Tie-breakers were determined statistically.

Submitted Photo

Bradford Tyke Selects, BWGMHA Blue & Gold Tournament Finalists, February 7-9.

Tyke Selects take Silver at Blue & Gold Tourney

Tyke Selects took part in the Bradford Blue and Gold Tourney, Feb. 7-9

Game 1, Bradford - 4, Humber Valley - 2. Goals by Jacob Pruitt with a pair, both unassisted, Blake McDonald from Pruitt and Marcus McCabe; and Meagan Crane from Pruitt.

Game 2, Bradford 14, North Toronto Green - 0. Scoring by Connor Osborne with a hat trick plus one, Nicholas Bruining with a hat trick, Giancarlo Garibaldi and Liam Beninati with a pair apiece, singles by Ewan Rumble, Gavin Crane and Jacob Pruitt. Assists to Crane (3), Rumble, Pruitt (3), Mason Bardos, Justin Beaudoin (4), McCabe (2), Beninati (2), Michael Moran (2), Blake Macdonald, Osborne. Shutout to Antonino Spencer-Thomas.

Game 3, Bradford - 5, Oshawa Minor Generals - 2. Goals by Teagan Pare with 2, Blake McDonald with 2 (one unassisted), and Connor Osborne with the single. Helpers to Jacob Pruitt, Liam Beninati, Justin Beaudoin, Meagan Crane and AJ Agresti.

Championship Final, Oshawa Minor Generals - 3, Bradford - 0. Team won Silver.

Open House!

Families and curling neophytes of all ages came out to the Bradford Curling Club on February 15, for a Family Day Open House. It was an opportunity to receive instruction from long-time curlers, all equipment provided, and to try the sport at the very time that the Canadian Men's and Women's Curling teams were winning their round robin games in Sochi, Russia. In fact, it was a perfect coming-together of the Winter Olympics, Ontario's long winter, and Family Day, offering a great introduction to Curling.

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BWGMHA Hockey Results

MINOR ATOM REP

Richmond Hill - 4, Bradford Dissette Animal Hospital - 1. Goal by Kyle Lomas from Jacob Klic.

MINOR PEEWEE REP

Feb. 12, Bradford - 6, Innisfil - 2, as the Bulldogs dominate. Goals by Tyler Mumford with a hat trick, singles by Joseph Magani, Jackson Carruthers and Thomas King, on helpers from Magani, Mumford and William Bishop (3). Caleb Garbe was rock solid in net.

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Playoff Action - Round 1

Feb. 8, Bradford Novice #1 - 5, Beeton #1 - 2. Scoring by Remy Yoo, Tristan Marques, Matthew Carvalheiro, Lucas Wehby and Christian Dantas, on assists from Colton Graham (2), Wehby and Kaleb Christophersen. Super netminding from Fraser Callacott.

Feb. 11, Bradord #1 - 6, Beeton #1 - 1. Scoring by Matthew Carvalheiro with 3, Lucas Wehby with 2, single by Tristan Marques, from Christian Dantas (2), Seth Kelly (2), Carsyn Elliott, Marques, Tyler Brenham and Cristian Glowacki. Carsyn Elliott was awesome in net.

Feb. 14, Bradford #1 - 6, Beeton #1 - 2. Goals by Lucas Wehby with 3, Matthew Carvalheiro with a pair, single by Carsyn Elliott. Helpers to Cristian Glowacki, Tristan Marques, Christian Dantas and Remy Yoo. Super netminding by Fraser Callacott.

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MASIN, Anne - Peacefully passed away, with her family at her side, at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Anne Masin (nee Vdovjak) of Bradford in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Miloslav (Mike) Masin. Loving mother of Janice Hodgson (Blair), Jim Masin (Sandy), late Michael, Peter Masin (Leah), Ellen Kleiboer (Brian), Michelle Thibodeau (Bert) and Marie Gwilliams (Roger). Proud grandma of James (Nicole), Kimberley (Alan); Mathew, Kielyn (Dave); Amanda; Jennifer, Sarah, Michael; Renee, Chantal; and Andrew. Dear sister of Olga (David) Lee. Dear sister-in-law of Jana, Jarda (Mirka) and Marie (Lotar) of the Czech Republic. Anne will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford** for visitation. Funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bradford on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. In Anne's memory, donations may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bradford or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Leisure Centre Family Day

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre was the scene of all kinds of activity on Family Day, Feb. 17, from fun in the pool and the gym, to a free Family Skate sponsored by RBC, in both rinks. RBC also brought in NHL Alumnus-turned-sportscaster Bobby McGill to sign autographs. Above, RBC's Wayne Brakeboer with McGill.

Leisure discounts for Srs.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Leisure Services department has been asked to provide free access to the walking track at the new BWG Leisure Centre, for Senior residents.

The problem, Director of Leisure Services Tom Graham told Council on Feb. 18, is that the track is an integral part of the fitness area. Access to the track also means access to the Aerobics room, the strength-training equipment, and other facilities on the "warm" side of the building.

Rather than provide free access, Leisure Services has suggested an expansion of its existing discount programs and partnerships, to offset costs for low-income seniors.

The Town already provides a 50% discount through the Ontario Social Assistance Program, which has provided access for 30 individuals, and through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program, which has assisted 25 families. Graham proposed that the discounts be extended to any low-income seniors that apply, reducing the price of a monthly membership to only $16. He promised that the application process would be highly confidential, and sensitively handled.

Council approved the recommendation.

LEGO @ the Library!

The LEGO Movie hit Theatres on Feb. 7 - so what better theme for this month's **Free Family Saturday?** On February 22, the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. W., hosts a free drop-in event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - on a LEGO theme!

NFB Film Club - free screenings of thought-provoking National Film Board documentaries. Tues., February 25 at 7 p.m. ***NCR: Not Criminally Responsible.*** A man who stabbed a stranger 6 times while in a psychotic state is released 12 years later.

Olympic fever!

The Fieldcrest Olympics!

Students at Fieldcrest Elementary School carried the flags and banners of 32 countries into their school gym, on February 13, for the Opening Ceremonies of the Fieldcrest Olympics.

Each team was asked to stand, holding flags and paper Olympic torch, to the cheers and applause of their peers. Not surprisingly, cheering was loudest for Team Canada.

Grade 8 students ran the "Games", held both indoors and outside on the snow-covered school yard. Teams, made up of students from every grade, competed in "Luge" - which looked surprisingly like tobogganning - Fieldcrest's version of Biathlon, hockey, obstacle races, curling, even cross-country skiing, on large cardboard skis.

It was a day of activity that connected the kids in Bradford to the events taking place halfway around the world in Sochi, Russia.

And who knows? It may have fuelled the Olympic dreams of more than one young athlete.

Photos, Clockwise from top: **Bobsled - or is it Luge? - at Fieldcrest Elementary School; playing hockey for the team; a variation on "Parachute Games", outdoors during the Fieldcrest Olympics, February 13.**

Building School spirit, at Chris Hadfield E.S.

Co-operation! Above, Cross-country skiing. Right, Ski Jump.

Chris Hadfield Elementary School, housed in the old Bradford Public School building while its new school is under construction, has organized a number of activities aimed at generating school spirit and a sense of community.

The Winter Olympics in Sochi provided another opportunity for spirit-building, as Chris Hadfield ES held its own Winter Games, starting with Opening Ceremonies in the gym.

The Olympic flame "burned" in the courtyard - and although the "flame" was actually made of crepe paper, it provided a inspiring image for the teams competing in "Hockey" (using mini-sticks), Bobsled, milk-bag biathlon, and team "Ski Jumping." The kids also competed in "luge" or "Skeleton" - depending on whether they went down the big hill in the school yard feet-first or head-first.

It was fun, with a focus on co-operative effort - and when it got too cold outside, under the winter sun February 14, teams could head inside, to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and renew their spirit.

Go, Canada, go!

Submitted Photo

Steve and his daughter Brooke transformed a snowbank in front of their Prince Drive home in Bradford, on February 9, into a salute to Canada and its athletes, competing at the Sochi Winter Olympics. *Go, Canada, go!*

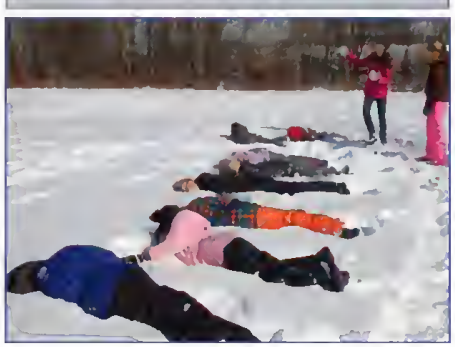
Winter Carnival, at HMDCS

For almost as long as the Winter Olympics have been in existance, Holland Marsh District Christian School has celebrated its anniversary with a Winter Carnival and outdoor games. This year, the school, located in Ansnorveldt in the Holland Marsh, celebrated its 71st Anniversary, Feb. 13.

The school has a lot to celebrate: 71 years of excellence in education, presenting Christian values and building the community, all of it accomplished without any government funding or subsidies.

This year's Carnival had an Olympic flavour. The teams represented different countries - so France and Canada competed in Tug-of-War, Austria and Great Britain met on the Broomball Court, and China and New Zealand battled it out in Bobsled.

There was even a "Creativity" competition. Originally supposed to be "Snow Sculptures," the absence of packing snow meant that teams had to get creative with their sculptures. Team France had its members lie down in the snow, to spell out "H.M.D.C.S."



Photos: Top, tug-o-war. Centre, Broomball, with "Austria" playing "Great Britain." At right, Team France spells out "H.M.D.C.S."

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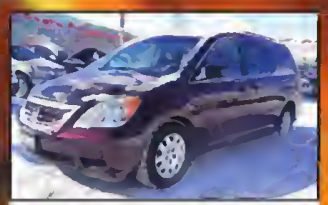

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